

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7-10, 12, 14-19, and 21-26 are pending in the application with claims 1, 7, 10, 12, 14, and 19 being the independent claims. Claims 2, 5, 6, 11, 13, and 20 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 1, 7, 10, and 12 are amended. Claims 21-26 are newly added.

The Office Action indicated that claims 14 and 19 are allowed and that claims 2, 10-12, and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

By this paper, Applicant has added the features of allowable claim 2 into independent claim 1 and canceled claim 2. Applicant has added the features of allowable claim 11 into independent claim 7 and canceled claim 11. Thus, independent claims 1 and 7 should be in a condition for allowance.

Additionally, Applicant has rewritten claims 10 and 12 in independent form to include all the features of their base claim. Accordingly, these too should be in a condition for allowance.

Dependent claims 3, 4, 21, and 22, claims 8, 9, 15-18, 23, and 24, claim 25, and claim 26, respectively depend from claim 1, claim 7, claim 10, and claim 12, and also are believed to be distinct from the art of record, for example for the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1, 7, 10, and 12, respectively.

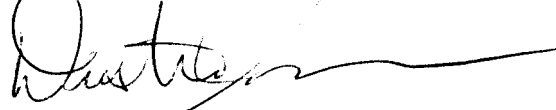
For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and issue a formal notice of allowance.

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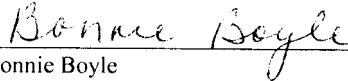
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